

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes _____
no _____

Property Name: Halethorpe Switching Tower Inventory Number: ~~10~~ BA-3104

Address: CSXT Milepost BAA 5.7; HDR Sta. 685+00; Bldg #MD 027 City: _____ Zip Code: 21227

County: Baltimore USGS Topographic Map: Relay

Owner: CSX Transportation Is the property being evaluated a district? no

Tax Parcel Number: _____ Tax Map Number: _____ Tax Account ID Number: _____

Project: CSXT Capital Subdivision Improvements Agency: Federal Transit Administration

Site visit by MHT staff: X no _____ yes _____ Name: _____ Date: _____

Is the property located within a historic district? _____ yes X no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: _____
NR-listed district _____ yes Eligible district _____ yes Name of District: _____
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource _____ yes _____ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context _____ yes

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible _____ yes X no

Criteria: _____ A _____ B _____ C _____ D Considerations: _____ A _____ B _____ C _____ D _____ E _____ F _____ G _____ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Halethorpe Switching Tower was built in 1917 to control traffic between the B&O's Main Line and the Washington Branch. The tower's designer is unknown. Currently abandoned, the tower's 2/2 double hung sash windows have been boarded up, although the building retains its decorative brickwork, exterior wood moldings, arched window frames and roof ridge embellishments, and thus most of its architectural design integrity. Access to determine the condition of original switching equipment inside the tower could not be obtained at the time of survey. The tower ceased operations on October 1, 1985. It is the last remaining tower on the B&O's Main Line.

Although the slightly deteriorated physical condition of the Halethorpe Switching Tower does not significantly affect its historic appearance, it very likely represents a later replacement for an earlier switching tower at Halethorpe, and it is not associated with the initial construction of the B&O's Main Line or Washington Branch railroads. Since it is outside the period of significance (1829-1835), the Halethorpe Switching Tower is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Prepared by: Daniel R. Pratt, HDR Engineering Date Prepared: 6/11/2002

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Eligibility recommended X Eligibility not recommended _____
Criteria: X A _____ B X C _____ D Considerations: _____ A _____ B _____ C _____ D _____ E _____ F _____ G _____ None

MHT Comments: *In a local/state context, this is an especially well-preserved representative example. It retains considerable integrity despite removal of electro-mechanical equipment. Distinctive exterior form & detailing; substantial interior finish survives.*

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services: Andrew Levin Date: 08/02/02
Reviewer, NR Program: [Signature] Date: 1/7/03

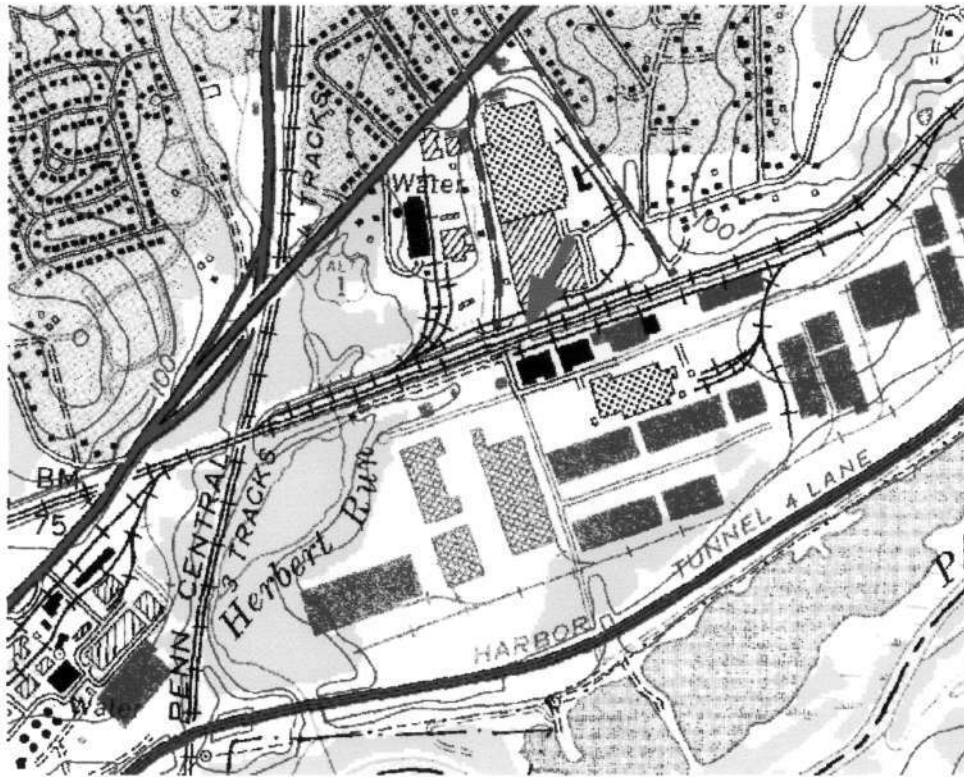


Figure 2: USGS Relay 7.5' Quadrangle Map showing property location.



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HALETHORPE SWITCHING TOWER

CSXT MILEPOST BAA 5.7

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